

TOWN OF RAYMOND

Board of Selectman

Approved Minutes

Raymond High School

Monday, July 19, 2010

Non public session held under the provisions of RSA 91-A:3, II (d)

Chairman Auclair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Chairman Auclair led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Tim Auclair, Bill Hoitt, Lee Weldy and Joyce Wood

Members Absent: Jack Barnes

Others Present: Town Manager, Christopher Rose, Fire Chief, Kevin Pratt, Police Chief, David Salois, John Beauvilliers, Pam Turcotte, Celeste Clark, Kevin Woods and Gary Brown

PUBLIC FORUM

No one from the public asked to speak during the public forum.

PRESENTATION TO OFFICER SOUTHWICK

Police Chief, David Salois, presented Officer Tommy Southwick, with a Certificate of Recognition for his recent promotion to Corporal.

PRESENTATION BY THE COALITION FOR YOUTH AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ms. Celeste Clark and Ms. Pamela Turcotte, of the Raymond Coalition for Youth (RCFY), and Chief Salois came before the Board to show a video they made discussing some of the problems of teenage drinking. They have received praise from the Governor's Office for this and have been asked to present their video to a workshop on teen drinking in California.

The Board recognized Celeste Clark, RCFY, Chief Salois, the Raymond Police Department, Brandon Olivier, Nick Martin, Josh Auclair and Ben Cole for a job well done.

Ms. Clark talked about the Teen Assessment Program (T.A.P.) which is funded by grants and not supported with Town funds. She said there is a regional and nationwide concern for abuse of prescription drug use in teens. She also talked briefly about the Life of an Athlete Program which works to stop the use of alcohol by students who represent the school on various sports teams.

Mr. Weldy asked if there was anything to keep kids away from drugs. Chief Salois said that is the job of the Coalition.

Ms. Turcotte talked about the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program which was recently implemented in all three schools to address the newly adopted law in New Hampshire.

Ms. Clark said that funding for the program, materials and training have been paid for by funds obtained by RCFY.

Ms. Clark said that Family Fun Night in February is the biggest event put on by RCFY.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Mr. John Beauvilliers came before the Board to finalize his alternate member appointment to the Conservation Commission. He said from an environmental and recreational stand point conservation is a good thing.

Ms. Wood commented that Mr. Beauvilliers has attended several Conservation Commission meetings.

Mr. Auclair motioned to appoint Mr. Beauvilliers as an alternate member to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire on April 30, 2013. Ms. Wood seconded. All members were in favor.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RBEDC MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Mr. Gary Brown came before the Board to finalize his full time member appointment to the RBEDC. He said he moved his business here and has lived here since 2004.

Mr. Brown said the Town should take a look at Exits 4 and 5 and the Route 27 corridor. He said the Town needs businesses to support the tax base and he'd like to see the tax rate go down.

Mr. Auclair said Mr. Brown's appointment will be held until there is a full board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BOAT PURCHASE

Mr. Weldy asked if the proposed boat was undersized and if it could handle all the duties it needs to. Fire Chief, Kevin Pratt, replied it is not undersized and yes, it can handle all the duties required.

Chief Pratt said this boat has an aluminum floor and can hold up to five people and is also designed for brooks, rivers, ponds and lakes. He added that four people in the department have white water rafting training.

Ms. Wood asked if this resource could be shared with the Police Department. Chief Pratt replied yes.

Mr. Weldy motioned to withdraw and expend capital reserve funds for the purchase of a Zodiac MK II Futura boat, a Mercury 20EH 4-stroke motor and a Load Rite bunk trailer, in the amount of \$9,062.00. Ms. Wood seconded. All members were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL CONTRACT

Mr. Kevin Woods of Raymond Community Television Committee (RCTV), came before the Board to discuss the possibility of the Selectmen appointing a committee to review the Town's cable franchise agreement and begin negotiations with Comcast on its renewal.

Mr. Woods said he is interested in hiring Attorney Peter Epstein who specializes in cable franchise agreements to work with the Town. Mr. Woods said Mr. Epstein has significant background in cable contract renewals. Mr. Auclair said that attorney fees are paid for by cable funds.

Mr. Woods reviewed Windham, Epping, Peterborough and Londonderry's newly revised contracts.

Mr. Woods briefly reviewed the ascertainment process that should be followed.

Mr. Weldy asked about channels. Mr. Woods said it is not an option to pick and choose channels but additional channels can be negotiated as part of the information gathering process.

Ms. Wood commented that Comcast is not available to some residents in the Watson Hill Road area and she asked if that could be brought up during negotiations. Mr. Woods replied yes.

Mr. Weldy said he is in favor of a shorter term contract as technology continues to develop.

Mr. Auclair polled the Board to determine who was in favor of moving forward with cable contract negotiations. All members agreed to move forward.

RCTV HIRING

Mr. Woods noted that he was proposing to hire some operators to film the various meetings since they were having a hard time getting volunteers.

Ms. Wood asked what the proposed hourly rate would be for the operators. Mr. Woods replied \$10.00 an hour.

Mr. Woods said he'd like to cover all school and town weekly government meetings and not any other events.

Ms. Wood commented that she is in favor of broadcasting public meetings.

Mr. Auclair said the operators would not be town employees; they would be sub contractors and would need to submit an invoice to get paid.

Mr. Woods said there is currently one paid part time Cable Coordinator.

CLOSURE OF HORSESHED ROAD

Ms. Wood motioned to approve the request from the Congregational Church to close Horseshed Road on Saturday, July 31, 2010 from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm for their 54th Annual Chicken Barbecue. Mr. Auclair seconded. All members were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

TOWN IMPACT FEES

Town Manager, Chris Rose, said no one has forwarded on any questions to him for Mr. Mayberry.

Mr. Auclair said he'd like to go over this next week.

TOWN WATER SYSTEM

Mr. Rose talked about the recent issue with the Town water system. He said there are 62 towns in the state that have a water ban and the majority of them are in southeastern New Hampshire. He also said he'd like to go from a level two to a level one water ban. He added that they are working to identify what caused the problem and how to better feed the system.

Mr. Rose said that the Route 107 ball field has a separate well and that water is not supplied by the Town's water system.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT

Mr. Hoitt said that he attended the Planning Board meeting last week.

Ms. Wood said she attended the ZBA and CIP meetings last week. She also said that Friends of the Library are requesting used lap tops to offer basic training on computers.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Rose announced that a dinner is being set up with the library to recognize all the volunteer efforts by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gonser.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Wood motioned to adjourn. Mr. Auclair seconded. All members were in favor.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

These minutes were approved as amended by the Board of Selectmen on August 16, 2010.

Minutes prepared by,

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Executive Secretary